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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 058084

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM BUNKER AND LINOWITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: BRIEFING OF LATIN
AMERICAN LEADERS

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE WANTED FOR SOMETIME TO PRO-
VIDE LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS WITH THE US PERSPECTIVE OF THE
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CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. POSSIBLE DATES FOR SUCH A TRIP HAVE
NOW BECOME MORE CLEAR AND WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE
FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

---MARCH 23 DEPART WASHINGTON FOR CARACAS

---MARCH 24 IN CARACAS

---MARCH 25 DEPART CARACAS FOR BOGOTA

---MARCH 25 IN BOGOTA

---MARCH 25 OR 26 RETURN TO WASHINGTON

2. ALTERNATIVELY WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER A WASHINGTON DEPARTURE MARCH 28, ALTHOUGH THE ABOVE IS OUR PREFERRED SCHEDULE.

3. PLEASE CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON SUGGESTED DATES FOR BRIEFING TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY ON STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATION. WE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE A BRIEF

PRESENTATION OF ABOUT 10 MINUTES TO BE FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF WHATEVER LENGTH IS DESIRED BY OUR HOSTS. OUR PURPOSE IS TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING A REVIEW OF US OBJECTIVES AND OUR VIEWS ON THE MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES, AGREEMENT ON WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DRAFT A TREATY WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH COUNTRIES. WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT WHATEVER FORMAT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO YOU IN ORDER TO CONVEY THIS INFORMATION.

4. WE WILL PROVIDE YOU AT A LATER DATE WITH THE NAMES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP. WE WILL ESTABLISH AN EXACT ITINERARY AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OR AN ALTERNATIVE IS CONVENIENT.

5. FOR SAN JOSE AND MEXICO CITY. WE APPRECIATE COSTA RICAN AND MEXICAN INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL CONFIDENTIAL

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PLAN TO INCLUDE YOUR COUNTRIES ON A SECOND TRIP AT A LATER DATE.
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